

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Marcella Watkins on 3/3/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification, on page 3, the following new paragraph has been inserted after line 32: - - Figure 4 is a partial cross-sectional view taken along the lines 4-4 in Figure 3. - -.

In the specification, on page 5, line 5 the phrase "(not shown)" has been deleted and the phrase - - (shown in Figure 4)- - has been inserted.

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: The changes as shown in attached marked up Figures 1-4. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Additionally, the numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the

prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Misnumbered claims 10-12 been renumbered 11-13.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GIOVANNA C. WRIGHT whose telephone number is (571)272-7027. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-4 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David J. Bagnell can be reached on 571-272-6999. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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